# 1838 GR-1 Through GR-7 Obverses – Date Blowup w/lines

All features of Reeded Edge Half Dollars were hubbed into the obverse dies for each GR number except for the final digit of the date.

Newsletter #74's illustration for 1838 GR-8 had a blowup view of the date showing how high or low, how close of far tie 2nd 8 was to 183. A line was extended from the top of the 3 to the center point of the closest point on Star 13. Two additional lines were drawn, one from the bottom of the right side of 3 (extended up) and the other from the bottom of the left side of the 2nd 8 (extended up). These 2 lines will help you determine if the 2nd 8 is sloped or not. Sometimes a 4th line is extended up from the right side of the 2nd 8 to show its relation to Liberty's lowest curl.

Future Newsletters #75 and later will have a blowup of the date for 1838 GR-9 through GR-16, as each die marriage is presented.

On the following pages, you will see blowups of the dates for Obverse 1 through Obverse 6. Obverse 5 was used twice, first on 1838 GR-5 and later on 1838 GR-6.

**1838 GR-1, Obverse 1 - Date Blowup with Lines**

Notice how the Top of the 8 is almost at the same level as the top of the 3.

**1838 GR-2, Obverse 2 – Date Blowup with Lines**

This specimen appears to have the thickness of the Top of 8 centered on the top of the 3. 2nd 8 much wider from the 3.

**1838 GR-3, Obverse 3 – Date Blowup with Lines**

In this case, the top of 8 is nearly the same as the top of 3. 3 and 8 closer than on GR-2.

**1838 GR-4, Obverse 4 – Date Blowup with Lines**

This specimen appears to have one of the highest top of 2nd 8 and it is leaning sharply left.

**1838 GR-5 and 1838 GR-6, Obverse 5 – Date Blowup with Lines**

2nd 8 appears to be slightly above line on top of 3 and appears more vertical than most GR's.

**1838 GR-7, Obverse 6 – Date Blowup with Lines**

To me, the top of the 2nd 8 is clearly higher than the 3 and leans slightly to the left.

There are 13 different Obverse dies that were used for 16 die marriages for the year 1838. Newsletter #75 showed you Obverse 7 for 1838 GR-8. Future Newsletters will show Date Blowups for Obverses 8 through 13 of the year 1838.

The position of the last digit in the date becomes more important when you are trying to attribute a Reeded Edge Half that is in Prime die stage (no die breaks). It is even more important when you are trying to attribute the year 1837 that has 26 different die marriages.

**Again, Get into the habit of looking first at the last digit, in the date, of all Reeded Edge Halves.**